

TEXT OF CLAIMS AND AMENDMENT

In the Claims:

Please cancel claims 4, 6 and 7.

Please amend claim 1 as follows:

1. (currently amended) A cleaning system for the removal of coagulant residue from ceramic or porcelain formers comprising consisting of: a) a first bath (a) comprising an aqueous solution comprising EDTA, wherein said EDTA is present at from 0.1 to 30 percent by weight; and b) a second bath (c) comprising an aqueous solution of from 0.5 to 15 weight percent of one or more cleaning agents selected from the group consisting of ETDA, detergent, and base; and c) a third bath (b) located between said first bath (a) and said second bath (c), wherein said third bath (b) comprises water; and d) a fourth bath (d) located after said second bath (c), wherein said fourth bath (d) comprises water.

2. (previously presented) The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said first bath further comprises from 0.25 to 7.5 percent by weight of at least one detergent, 0.01 to 10 percent by weight of at least one base, or a combination thereof.

3. (previously presented) The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said base in both baths (a) and (c) comprises sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, ammonium hydroxide, or a mixture thereof.

4. (canceled) ~~The cleaning system of claim 2 wherein said base in both baths (a) and (c) comprises sodium hydroxide, potassium hydroxide, or a mixture thereof.~~

5. (previously presented) The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said EDTA in both baths (a) and (c) is present as an aqueous solution of ammonium EDTA, sodium EDTA, or a combination thereof.

6. (canceled) ~~The cleaning system of claim 1 further comprising a third bath (b) located between the first and the second baths, wherein said third bath comprises water.~~

7. (canceled) ~~The cleaning system of claim 1 further comprising a forth bath (d) located after the second bath (c), wherein said third bath comprises water.~~

8. (previously presented) The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said first bath comprises from 0.5 to 15 percent by weight of EDTA.

9. (previously presented) The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein said first bath comprises from 1 to 10 percent by weight of EDTA.

10. (currently amended) The cleaning system of claim 1 wherein each bath said bath (a), said bath (b), said bath (c) and said bath (d) has a temperature of from 30°C. to 80°C.

11. (canceled) ~~A method for cleaning a mold or former for forming a latex article, wherein said method comprises: a) immersing said mold or former into a cleaning bath comprising EDTA; b) optionally immersing said mold or former into at least one water bath; c) optionally immersing said mold or former into a second cleaning bath comprising an aqueous solution of from 0.5 to 15 weight percent of one or more cleaning agents selected from the group consisting of EDTA, detergent, and base; and d) optionally immersing said mold or former into a final water bath.~~

12. (canceled) ~~The method of claim 11 wherein each cleaning and water bath has a temperature of from 30 degree C. to 80 degree C.~~

13. (canceled) ~~The method of claim 12 wherein each immersion into said cleaning and water baths has a duration of from 3 to 60 seconds.~~

14. (canceled) ~~The method of claim 13 wherein each immersion into said cleaning and water baths has a duration of from 5 to 20 seconds.~~